

REMARKS

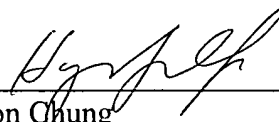
Claims 1-24 and 20-32 are allowed. Base Claim 25 is now amended to include the allowable subject matter listed on page 5 of the Office Action at hand. As such, Claim 25 and its dependent claims (Claims 28-29) are believed to also now be allowable and do not read on the compound of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,088 to Gagne. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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